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NOTICE OF AUGUST 18, 2016 EFFECTIVE DATE FOR ACCESSIBLE USER INTERFACES RULES REQUIRING OMB APPROVAL

MB Docket No. 12-108

On November 20, 2015, the Commission released the *Second Accessible User Interfaces Order*, which adopted additional rules under the authority of Sections 204 and 205 of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act (“CVAA”) to make user interfaces and video programming guides and menus accessible on devices used to view video programming.¹ Those rules became effective on March 7, 2016, except for the rules that require approval by the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”).² The information collection was submitted to OMB for review under 44 U.S.C. § 3507(d) and was approved by OMB on August 9, 2016.³ The Commission in the *Second Accessible User Interfaces Order* stated that these rules will become effective upon announcement in the *Federal Register* of OMB approval and an effective date of the rules.⁴ The Commission has published this notice in the *Federal Register*,

¹ *Accessibility of User Interfaces, and Video Programming Guides and Menus*, MB Docket No. 12-108, Second Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 30 FCC Rcd 13914 (2015) (“*Second Accessible User Interfaces Order*”).

² See Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR Part 79, Accessibility of User Interfaces, and Video Programming Guides and Menus, Final Rule, 81 FR 5921 (Feb. 4, 2016). See also Public Notice, *Notice of Effective Date of Second Accessible User Interfaces Order; Announcement of Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines for Accompanying Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 31 FCC Rcd 960 (2016). The rules that require OMB approval and are effective as of August 18, 2016 are Sections 79.107(a)(5) (usability requirement for digital apparatus); 79.107(d) (information, documentation, and training requirements for digital apparatus); 79.107(e) (notice requirements for manufacturers of digital apparatus); 79.108(d)(2) (notice requirements for manufacturers of navigation devices); and 79.108(f) (information, documentation, and training requirements for navigation devices).

³ See Notice of Office of Management and Budget Action for OMB Control No. 3060-1203 (approved Aug. 9, 2016), available at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAOMBHistory?ombControlNumber=3060-1203#>.

⁴ *Second Accessible User Interfaces Order*, 30 FCC Rcd at 13938, ¶ 51.

announcing an effective date of August 18, 2016.⁵ Accordingly, the rules that require OMB approval take effect on August 18, 2016.

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⁵ See Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR Part 79, Accessibility of User Interfaces, and Video Programming Guides and Menus, Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date, 81 FR 55152 (Aug. 18, 2016).